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	Males	Females	Persons		Building Work Approved	New Dwellings in Houses and Flats Completed	
	Number at end of period—thousands				£ thousand	£ thousand	Number
Year :	1938-39	529.9	168.0	697.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	1943-44	524.1	250.9	775.0	4,757	n.a.	n.a.
	1944-45	536.0	247.9	783.9	4,721	n.a.	n.a.
	1945-46	618.5	242.3	860.8	4,980	n.a.	5,500†
	1946-47	671.8	252.1	923.9	5,851	48,925‡	12,344‡
	1947-48	702.3	261.9	964.2	6,970	53,440	15,415
	1948-49	705.7	263.8	969.5	8,105	66,146	18,758
1949 :	April	718.1	269.1	987.2	8,493	5,780	4,814
	May	721.6	270.0	991.6		6,333	
	June	705.7	263.8	969.5		5,485	
	July	636.8	244.0	880.8		5,245	
	Aug.	701.2	266.0	967.2	7,982	6,349	4,941
	Sept.	715.9	270.0	985.9		7,145	
	Oct.	720.2	273.2	993.4		7,500	
	Nov.	725.2	275.8	1,001.0		7,233	
	Dec.	726.9	278.3	1,005.2	9,394	5,494	5,590
1950 :	Jan.	729.6	273.2	1,002.8		5,760	
	Feb.	735.1	276.1	1,011.2		7,300	
	Mar.	736.7	278.7	1,015.4		8,181	
	April	737.0	277.5	1,014.5	8,864	5,586	4,355

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Period	Wool Sold at Auction *	Oversea Trade. (Merchandise only)		Nine Trading Banks		Savings Bank Deposits
		Imports	Exports	Deposits	Advances	
	£ thousand	£A million, f.o.b.		At end of period—£ million		
Year : 1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1	120.5	87.5
1943-44	27,458§	112.6	54.1	204.9	83.9	162.9
1944-45	22,622§	112.8	60.8	225.2	83.4	198.2
1945-46	23,276§	86.1	76.4	237.2	90.6	236.2
1946-47	32,910	93.0	116.5	244.3	116.5	231.4
1947-48	52,972	150.4	134.7	265.4	142.9	237.0
1948-49	67,331	177.2	176.6	301.3	150.4	244.5
1949 : April	5,202	14.6	9.0	305.1	146.2	240.5
May	6,625	15.9	23.0	306.5	146.4	240.5
June	10,098	15.2	15.8	301.3	150.4	244.5
July	142	15.9	15.2	293.4	153.7	246.1
Aug.	3,131	14.6	12.1	294.6	150.4	246.0
Sept.	9,781	16.1	11.7	297.1	151.1	246.1
Oct.	11,878	16.3	16.5	306.0	154.9	247.9
Nov.	12,761	14.9	18.3	322.3	156.2	248.4
Dec.	12,935	16.1	17.1	346.9	154.3	249.0
1950 : Jan.	10,812	20.2	19.3	359.1	151.6	250.6
Feb.	13,195	15.7	21.6	375.8	150.3	251.8
Mar.	14,325	23.1	27.3	389.7	151.6	252.6
April	532	15.7	16.3	393.0	156.6	253.5

* See notes to relevant table.

† Houses only.

‡ Partly estimated.

§ Includes equalisation payments.

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13.		17.	22.	22.	22.	Table No.
N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered	Coal Production	Electricity Generated	Ingot Steel Production	Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried					
Millions	Thousand tons	Number	Thousand tons	Mill. kWh.	Thousand tons	
186.7	14,679	28,335	11,196**	1,948	1,168†	1938-39: Year
250.6	18,603	4,056	11,219	2,826	1,523†	1943-44
254.1	17,793	2,785	11,096	2,877	1,346†	1944-45
267.4	15,872	3,814	10,030	2,832	1,054†	1945-46
261.6	16,539	13,608	11,212	3,229	1,312†	1946-47
263.0	17,407	26,200	11,780	3,546	1,343†	1947-48
263.1	16,903	37,665	11,736	3,717	1,129	1948-49
22.7	1,334	3,251	929	299	91	April: 1949
23.8	1,510	4,110	1,127	336	113	May
20.4	1,074	3,487	776	294	70	June
15.8	267	2,943	5	180	...	July
20.2	918	3,284	815	262	46	Aug.
20.6	1,552	4,344	1,236	323	134	Sept.
23.4	1,556	4,071	1,148	317	129	Oct.
21.8	1,695	5,744	1,285	324	128	Nov.
22.0	1,393	5,388	820	313	132	Dec.
23.2	1,379	3,877	771	306	116	Jan.: 1950
21.1	1,411	4,846	982r	310	113	Feb.
21.4	1,543	6,521	1,095r	349	110	Mar.
23.5	1,277	5,020	908	321	104	April

42.	44.	45.	51.	53.	54.	Table No.
Bank Clearings, Sydney	Sydney Stock Exchange	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : "C" Series All Items (Sydney) Index *	Basic Wage, Sydney	Period
Index *	Share Values				Adult Males *	
Average 1926-30 = 100	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 1000	Average 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week	
99	175.6	35,272	1011	928	81||	1938-39: Year
154	184.7	17,607	1396	1146	99||	1943-44
157	192.2	23,350	1405	1142	99||	1944-45
171	210.2	35,660	1412	1151	99||	1945-46
214	240.0	57,899	1429	1182	108||	1946-47
248	262.6	60,202	1588	1259	114||	1947-48
293	258.2	62,229	1809	1378	124||	1948-49
300	250.7	5,193	1856	1425	124	April: 1949
315	251.4	5,674	1859		127	May
336	242.4	6,086	1858	1452	127	June
326	239.7	7,022	1911		127	July
314	247.8	6,711	1913	1486	130	Aug.
303	252.1	8,097	1909		130	Sept.
302	257.3	7,197	1938	1515	130	Oct.
328	262.4	11,210	1988		132	Nov.
350	265.9	9,606	2043	1515	132	Dec.
352	272.0	9,346	2076		132	Jan.: 1950
351	277.5	10,314	2110r	1515	135	Feb.
367	285.4	12,896	2110		135	Mar.
391	292.6	11,211	2127		135	April

† Year ended 31st May.

|| Operative from February.

** Year ended 31st December, 1939.

2. Population, Births, Deaths, Marriages and Migration, New South Wales

Period	Population at end of Period			Live Births	Deaths	Net Immigration	Marriages
	Males	Females	Persons				
	Number						
Year : 1939	1,393,358	1,373,057	2,766,415	48,003	26,815	8,044*	25,471
1947	1,504,350	1,503,232	3,007,582	69,398	28,449	4,277*	30,172
1948	1,531,990	1,530,354	3,062,344	67,234	30,403	17,931	30,164
1949	1,594,725	1,581,211	3,175,936	68,813	29,364	74,143	28,757
1947 : Dec. Qr.	1,504,350	1,503,232	3,007,582	16,323	6,881	3,978	8,077
1948 : Mar. Qr.	1,510,900	1,508,052	3,018,952	16,644	6,463	1,189	7,549
June Qr.	1,513,563	1,511,755	3,025,318	17,021	8,169	(-) 2,486	7,858
Sept. Qr.	1,520,961	1,518,664	3,039,625	17,035	9,003	6,275	6,678
Dec. Qr.	1,531,990	1,530,354	3,062,344	16,534	6,768	12,953	8,079
1949 : Mar. Qr.	1,545,909	1,540,471	3,086,380	16,397	6,392	14,031	7,484
June Qr.	1,561,592	1,552,067	3,113,659	16,974	7,476	17,781	7,404
Sept. Qr.	1,574,988	1,564,163	3,139,151	18,267	8,542	15,767	6,121
Dec. Qr.	1,594,725	1,581,211	3,175,936	17,175	6,954	26,564	7,748

* Includes intercensal adjustment. (-) Denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) was 1,274,930 at 31st December, 1939, and 1,484,004 at 30th June, 1947.

EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

(1) The following estimates are based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities. (2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month. (3) Workers in rural industry, female domestics in private households, and persons on the paid strength of the defence forces are excluded.

3. Wage and Salary Earners in Employment

(Excluding Rural Workers, Domestics in Private Households, and Defence Forces)

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	Thousands								
1939 : July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943 : July	156.9	46.1	203.0	365.2	207.7	572.9	522.1	253.8	775.9
1945 : June	156.0	43.6	199.6	380.0	204.3	584.3	536.0	247.9	783.9
Aug.	155.6	42.8	198.4	386.4	205.3	591.7	542.0	248.1	790.1
1946 : June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947 : June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948 : June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
Dec.	190.0	34.2	224.2	520.4	237.0	757.4	710.4	271.2	981.6
1949 : Jan.	190.6	34.5	225.1	521.8	232.0	753.8	712.4	266.5	978.9
Feb.	191.6	35.0	226.6	524.7	233.1	757.8	716.3	268.1	984.4
Mar.	191.5	35.2	226.7	526.1	233.9	760.0	717.6	269.1	986.7
April	192.0	35.2	227.2	526.1	233.9	760.0	718.1	269.1	987.2
1949 : June†	195.6	36.0	231.6	510.1	227.8	737.9	705.7	263.8	969.5
Dec.	200.0	38.2	238.2	526.9	240.1	767.0	726.9	278.3	1,005.2
1950 : Jan.	200.0	38.1	238.1	529.6	235.1	764.7	729.6	273.2	1,002.8
Feb.	200.5	38.5	239.0	534.6	237.6	772.2	735.1	276.1	1,011.2
Mar.	201.8	38.7	240.5	534.9	240.0	774.9	736.7	278.7	1,015.4
April	202.5	38.5	241.0	534.5	239.0	773.5	737.0	277.5	1,014.5

* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities. † Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions. See note (2) above.

4. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Industrial Groups*
(Excluding Rural Workers, Domestic in Private Households, and Defence Forces)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories †	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Professional and Personal Services ‡
Thousands								
MALES								
1939 : July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.0	44.0	56.6
1943 : July	25.1	217.8	30.1	79.9	10.5	22.9	28.7	39.6
1945 : June	24.4	214.8	32.5	85.2	11.3	24.3	30.0	45.4
Aug.	24.9	216.9	32.3	86.7	11.4	24.9	30.5	46.5
1946 : June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1
1947 : June	26.6	252.1	55.7	102.8	18.8	37.6	46.4	62.4
1948 : June	28.1	265.2	60.1	107.9	19.5	39.8	49.3	64.7
Dec.	27.6	265.7	61.5	108.3	19.9	41.3	52.6	65.1
1949 : Jan.	26.9	268.4	62.4	108.5	20.0	41.4	50.7	65.4
Feb.	27.6	269.9	62.7	109.6	20.0	41.8	50.0	66.0
Mar.	27.5	270.2	63.2	110.0	20.2	41.5	49.9	66.4
April	27.3	268.6	64.4	109.5	20.3	42.2	50.0	67.1
1949 : June §	24.4	257.4	64.9	110.9	20.4	42.1	50.1	66.3
Dec.	28.2	268.0	65.8	111.4	20.6	43.6	52.8	66.9
1950 : Jan.	28.3	271.2	66.5	111.5	20.7	44.1	50.4	67.2
Feb.	28.5	273.8	67.1	112.3	20.8	45.2	50.3	67.3
Mar.	28.4	274.6	67.8	112.9	21.1	44.2	50.3	67.6
April	28.2	274.2	68.0	114.0	21.1	44.5	50.4	67.4
FEMALES								
1939 : July	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	36.0	49.1
1943 : July	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	9.9	10.7	38.5	65.9
1945 : June	0.2	86.9	0.7	14.5	10.7	10.3	37.6	69.8
Aug.	0.2	86.0	0.7	14.6	10.6	10.8	37.8	70.3
1946 : June	0.2	82.3	0.9	13.0	10.1	10.9	39.1	73.3
1947 : June	0.2	86.5	1.0	12.8	10.4	11.9	40.7	77.1
1948 : June	0.2	90.2	1.1	13.9	10.9	12.9	43.0	79.6
Dec.	0.2	93.1	1.1	14.1	11.0	13.6	47.2	80.9
1949 : Jan.	0.3	90.7	1.1	14.1	11.3	13.5	44.3	81.2
Feb.	0.3	92.2	1.1	14.2	11.4	13.6	43.8	81.4
Mar.	0.3	92.8	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.5	43.7	81.7
April	0.3	93.0	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.6	43.4	81.7
1949 : June §	0.3	88.7	1.2	14.7	11.7	13.4	42.7	80.9
Dec.	0.3	95.0	1.2	15.0	12.0	14.2	47.1	82.5
1950 : Jan.	0.3	94.3	1.3	14.8	12.2	14.4	42.4	82.6
Feb.	0.3	96.4	1.3	15.0	12.5	14.4	42.2	83.0
Mar.	0.3	97.0	1.3	15.1	12.6	14.4	43.4	83.5
April	0.3	96.7	1.3	15.2	12.4	14.3	43.4	83.3
PERSONS								
1939 : July	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	80.0	105.7
1943 : July	25.3	312.4	30.8	92.8	20.4	33.6	67.2	105.5
1945 : June	24.6	301.7	33.2	99.7	22.0	34.6	67.6	115.2
Aug.	25.1	302.9	33.0	101.3	22.0	35.7	68.3	116.8
1946 : June	26.0	318.6	45.0	109.8	26.6	44.3	79.7	129.4
1947 : June	26.8	338.6	56.7	115.6	29.2	49.5	87.1	139.5
1948 : June	28.3	355.4	61.2	121.8	30.4	52.7	92.3	144.3
Dec.	27.8	358.8	62.6	122.4	30.9	54.9	99.8	146.0
1949 : Jan.	27.2	359.1	63.5	122.6	31.3	54.9	95.0	146.6
Feb.	27.9	362.1	63.8	123.8	31.4	55.4	93.8	147.4
Mar.	27.8	363.0	64.3	124.3	31.8	55.0	93.6	148.1
April	27.6	361.6	65.5	123.8	31.9	55.8	93.4	148.8
1949 : June §	24.7	346.1	66.1	125.6	32.1	55.5	92.8	147.2
Dec.	28.5	363.0	67.0	126.4	32.6	57.8	99.9	149.4
1950 : Jan.	28.6	365.5	67.8	126.3	32.9	58.5	92.8	149.8
Feb.	28.8	370.2	68.4	127.3	33.3	59.6	92.5	150.3
Mar.	28.7	371.6	69.1	128.0	33.7	58.6	93.7	151.1
April	28.5	370.9	69.3	129.2	33.5	58.8	93.8	150.7

* See notes preceding Table 3. † From July 1948, subject to revision. ‡ Includes Education, Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants, and other Professional and Personal Services. § Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

5. Employees in N.S.W. Factories : By Classes of Industry*

(Excludes working proprietors)

	I, II	III	IV	VI	VIII	IX	X, XI	XII	V, VII, XIII—XVI	I—XVI
Classes	Bricks, Cement, Glass, etc.	Chemicals, Oils, Paints, etc.	Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc.	Textiles and Knitted Goods	Clothing and Footwear	Food, Drink, Tobacco	Sawmills, Woodworking, Furniture, etc.	Paper, Printing, etc.	Other	All Factories
Month	Thousands									
MALES										
1939 : June	11.8	5.2	75.9	5.6	6.9	17.5	13.4	11.3	12.1	159.7
1945 : June	9.1	8.3	124.2	6.8	7.3	20.4	14.3	9.9	14.5	214.8
1947 : June	14.2	9.7	131.5	9.8	10.9	23.2	18.5	14.3	20.0	252.1
1948 : June	14.8	10.7	137.4	10.1	11.2	24.4	20.7	14.6	21.3	265.2
1949 : Jan.	15.5	11.2	137.3	10.2	11.4	25.8	20.6	15.2	21.2	268.4
Feb.	15.8	11.4	137.6	10.1	11.5	26.2	20.7	15.3	21.3	269.9
Mar.	16.1	11.3	137.6	10.0	11.5	26.3	20.7	15.3	21.4	270.2
April	16.1	11.4	136.1	9.9	11.6	25.8	20.8	15.4	21.5	268.6
1950 : Jan.	16.2	11.5	138.4	9.8	11.7	26.3	20.8	14.8	21.7	271.2
Feb.	16.2	11.6	140.0	9.9	11.7	26.3	21.1	15.2	21.8	273.8
Mar.	16.6	11.7	140.4	9.8	11.5	26.3	21.1	15.2	22.0	274.6
April	16.5	11.6	140.9	9.7	11.5	25.7	21.0	15.3	22.0	274.2
FEMALES										
1939 : June	0.4	2.7	4.9	9.2	22.8	9.4	1.6	5.3	3.6	59.9
1945 : June	0.8	4.0	21.2	11.5	25.9	11.2	1.6	5.7	5.0	86.9
1947 : June	0.7	4.4	13.6	11.4	31.9	10.6	1.9	6.1	5.9	86.5
1948 : June	0.8	4.4	14.5	11.7	33.6	10.7	2.0	6.1	6.4	90.2
1949 : Jan.	0.9	4.3	14.8	11.7	33.3	11.0	2.1	6.1	6.5	90.7
Feb.	0.9	4.4	14.8	11.6	34.1	11.6	2.1	6.2	6.5	92.2
Mar.	0.9	4.4	15.1	11.6	34.3	11.4	2.2	6.3	6.6	92.8
April	0.9	4.4	15.2	11.9	34.3	11.4	2.2	6.2	6.5	93.0
1950 : Jan.	1.0	4.5	16.5	12.5	32.7	11.9	2.3	6.4	6.5	94.3
Feb.	1.0	4.6	16.7	12.7	33.4	12.5	2.3	6.5	6.7	96.4
Mar.	1.1	4.6	17.3	12.7	33.7	11.9	2.4	6.5	6.8	97.0
April	1.1	4.6	17.6	12.7	33.5	11.6	2.3	6.4	6.9	96.7
PERSONS										
1939 : June	12.2	7.9	80.8	14.8	29.7	26.9	15.0	16.6	15.7	219.6
1945 : June	9.9	12.3	145.4	18.3	33.2	31.6	15.9	15.6	19.5	301.7
1947 : June	14.9	14.1	145.1	21.2	42.8	33.8	20.4	20.4	25.9	338.6
1948 : June	15.6	15.1	151.9	21.8	44.8	35.1	22.7	20.7	27.7	355.4
1949 : Jan.	16.4	15.5	152.1	21.9	44.7	36.8	22.7	21.3	27.7	359.1
Feb.	16.7	15.8	152.4	21.7	45.6	37.8	22.8	21.5	27.8	362.1
Mar.	17.0	15.7	152.7	21.6	45.8	37.7	22.9	21.6	28.0	363.0
April	17.0	15.8	151.3	21.8	45.9	37.2	23.0	21.6	28.0	361.6
1950 : Jan.	17.2	16.0	154.9	22.3	44.4	38.2	23.1	21.2	28.2	365.5
Feb.	17.2	16.2	156.7	22.6	45.1	38.8	23.4	21.7	28.5	370.2
Mar.	17.7	16.3	157.7	22.5	45.2	38.2	23.5	21.7	28.8	371.6
April	17.6	16.2	158.5	22.4	45.0	37.3	23.3	21.7	28.9	370.9

* See notes preceding Table 3; figures from July, 1948, subject to revision.

6. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.*

Year	Total Wages Paid : Weekly Average				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit.†			
	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.
	£ thousand				£			
1944-45	4,642	4,819	4,589	4,835	6.67	6.89	6.54	6.86
1945-46	4,809	4,910	4,817	5,384	6.73	6.90	6.35	6.76
1946-47	5,495	5,949	5,713	6,246	6.69	7.09	6.72	7.23
1947-48	6,480	7,229	6,753	7,419	7.40	8.15	7.58	8.25
1948-49	7,759	8,436	7,730	8,493	8.58	9.24	8.41	9.24
1949-50	7,982	9,394	8,864		9.01	10.06	9.40	

* Includes Australian Capital Territory.

† Total wages paid divided by total employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales*

Period	Unemployment Beneficiaries on last Saturday in Period	Benefits Paid during Period			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	Number	Amount—£			
Year : 1945-46	1,298	275,205	198,943	1,068	475,216
1946-47	1,400	172,141	258,782	6,772	437,695
1947-48	339	60,499	302,987	14,434	377,920
1948-49	283	23,279	302,298	53,925	379,502
1948-49 : July-May	222	21,889	277,819	45,747	345,455
1949-50 : July-May	150†	1,063,790	274,470	164,141	1,502,401
1949 : May	222	3,158	17,263	7,939	28,360
June	283	1,390	24,479	8,178	34,047
July†	101,000†	476,002	25,155	12,360	513,517
August†	7,500†	506,887	23,510	16,170	546,567
September†	500†	74,196	28,229	19,487	121,912
October	300†	1,556	23,582	16,415	41,553
November	200†	872	26,310	14,132	41,314
December	200†	865	22,117	6,200	29,182
1950 : January	200†	1,019r	28,808	22,400	52,227r
February	150†	529	22,836	18,923	42,288
March	150†	327	28,951	14,405	43,683
April	150†	828	22,802	10,312	33,942
May	150†	709	22,170	13,337	36,216

* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Approximate.

‡ Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

8. Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry and Social Welfare

Monthly particulars are subject to revision on receipt of annual returns

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
	Number	Thousands					
Year : 1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1945	1,158	222	102	324	653	1,226	1,879
1946	986	181	82	263	300	616	916
1947	1,328	221	78	299	392	735	1,127
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949 : September	p 63	8	1	9	10	4	14
October	p 97	15	3	18	21	15	36
November	p 70	7	2	9	10	3	13
December	p 31	4	7	11	4	9	13
1950 : January	p 67	10	3	13	16	16	32
February	p 174	28	7	35	40	23	63
March	p 202	29	3	32	50	10	60
April	p 67	10	1	11	14	2	16

9. Broadcast Listeners' Licenses in Force in N.S.W.

At end of Month	1939	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	423,649	570,080	608,306	699,023	712,718	730,458
February	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648	730,663
March	427,964	573,205	616,114	702,890	721,625	733,391
April	428,848	576,218	618,385	710,944	714,659	735,237
October	435,573	588,321	698,539	705,866	727,722	
November	440,335	591,001	698,416	712,152	727,497	
December	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	727,918	

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Note.—1. The “value” of building represents the estimated value on completion.

2. Building is classified as “government” or “private” according to ownership.

3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.

4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

10. Value of Building* Approved : Geographical Distribution

Period	Division of Cumberland			Balance of State	Total, N.S.W.
	Metropolis	Balance	Total		
	£ thousand				
PRIVATE BUILDING					
Year : 1946	18,070	6,831	24,901	11,123†	36,024†
1947	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
1948	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443
1949	26,869	12,273	39,142	19,781	58,923
1948 : Nov.	1,975	986	2,961	1,542	4,503
Dec.	2,110	816	2,926	1,278	4,204
1949 : Jan.	1,861	665	2,526	1,180	3,706
Feb.	1,923	802	2,725	1,480	4,205
Mar.	2,640	1,090	3,730	1,861	5,591
April	2,146	921	3,067	1,416	4,483
1949 : Nov.	2,654	1,285	3,939	2,005	5,944
Dec.	1,938	1,211	3,149	1,532	4,681
1950 : Jan.	2,381	937	3,318	1,512	4,830
Feb.	2,828	1,541	4,369	1,934	6,303
Mar.	2,970	1,433	4,403	2,403	6,806
April	2,097	1,279	3,376	1,678	5,054
GOVERNMENT BUILDING					
Year : 1946	3,794	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6,445
1947	4,299	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7,322
1948	6,244	1,446	7,690	3,653	11,343
1949	7,550	1,574	9,124	5,120	14,244
1948 : Nov.	559	79	638	212	850
Dec.	341	64	405	308	713
1949 : Jan.	532	17	549	63	612
Feb.	282	83	365	281	646
Mar.	869	256	1,125	718	1,843
April	908	127	1,035	262	1,297
1949 : Nov.	520	60	580	709	1,289
Dec.	368	48	416	397	813
1950 : Jan.	416	110	526	404	930
Feb.	557	60	617	380	997
Mar.	476	262	738	637	1,375
April	359	58	417	115	532
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING					
Year : 1946	21,864	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	42,469†
1947	24,551	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	49,139
1948	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786
1949	34,419	13,847	48,266	24,901	73,167
1948 : Nov.	2,534	1,065	3,599	1,754	5,353
Dec.	2,451	880	3,331	1,586	4,917
1949 : Jan.	2,393	682	3,075	1,243	4,318
Feb.	2,205	885	3,090	1,761	4,851
Mar.	3,509	1,346	4,855	2,579	7,434
April	3,054	1,048	4,102	1,678	5,780
1949 : Nov.	3,174	1,345	4,519	2,714	7,233
Dec.	2,306	1,259	3,565	1,929	5,494
1950 : Jan.	2,797	1,047	3,844	1,916	5,760
Feb.	3,385	1,601	4,986	2,314	7,300
Mar.	3,446	1,695	5,141	3,040	8,181
April	2,456	1,337	3,793	1,793	5,586

* New buildings and alterations and additions combined.

† Partly Estimated.

11. Value of Private and Governmental Building* Approved : Class of Building

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total
	£ thousand						
DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND							
Year : 1948	30,858	1,989	103	477	4,389	3,214	41,030
1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
1948-49 : July-April	27,382	1,760	88	428	3,506	3,419	36,583
1949-50 : July-April	32,425	2,435	26	745	3,640	4,070	43,341
1949 : February	2,679	162	1	40	124	84	3,090
March	3,313	259	6	75	755	447	4,855
April	3,056	390	1	35	127	493	4,102
1950 : February	3,649	340	2	130	435	430	4,986
March	4,202	272	1	81	300	285	5,141
April	3,113	333	2	34	212	99	3,793
NEW SOUTH WALES							
Year : 1948	46,219	2,267	247	922	5,424	5,707	60,786
1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1948-49 : July- April	41,264	2,048	227	765	4,286	5,738	54,328
1949-50 : July- April	49,427	2,973	117	1,182	4,405	7,689	65,793
1949 : February	4,085	181	12	101	176	296	4,851
March	5,056	287	8	91	920	1,072	7,434
April	4,444	433	2	67	217	617	5,780
1950 : February	5,491	452	8	170	484	695	7,300
March	6,396	357	40	153	391	844	8,181
April	4,696	353	8	72	243	214	5,586

* New buildings and alterations and additions combined.

12. New House and Flat Building: Number of Dwelling Units

Period	Government				Private and Government			
	Approved	Com-menced	Completed	Remaining Uncom-pleted *	Approved	Com-menced	Completed	Remaining Uncom-pleted *
HOUSES								
Year: 1947	3,166	3,418	2,462	3,990	27,850	18,873	13,191	17,386
1948	2,689	3,974	3,385	4,579	29,185	21,066	17,252	21,200
1949	3,524	3,419	3,509	4,489	31,883	21,352	18,276	24,276
1948: Sept. Qr.	400	1,004	814	4,794	7,448	5,810	4,359	21,137
Dec. Qr.	1,122	930	1,145	4,579	7,838	5,202	5,139	21,200
1949: Mar. Qr.	998	782	728	4,633	7,777	4,818	3,769	22,249
June Qr.	990	874	971	4,536	8,342	5,461	4,597	23,113
Sept. Qr.	714	918	953	4,501	7,584	5,198	4,657	23,654
Dec. Qr.	822	845	857	4,489	8,180	5,875	5,253	24,276
1950: Mar. Qr.	1,048	1,051	777	4,763	8,691	5,933	4,123	26,086
FLATS								
Year: 1947	350	160	9	204	1,399	712	365	703
1948	729	427	187	444	1,798	1,331	789	1,245
1949	639	630	285	789	1,678	1,360	1,019	1,586
1948: Sept. Qr.	49	134	31	490	334	409	212	1,338
Dec. Qr.	445	68	114	444	632	191	284	1,245
1949: Mar. Qr.	109	132	24	552	310	322	181	1,386
June Qr.	187	224	24	752	436	380	217	1,549
Sept. Qr.	70	214	110	856	343	373	284	1,638
Dec. Qr.	273	60	127	789	589	285	337	1,586
1950: Mar. Qr.	178	105	69	825	546	293	232	1,647

* At end of period.

13. New South Wales Government Railways : Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Gross Revenue*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons	£ thousand		
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603
1945-46	267,423	15,872	31,313	24,933	6,380
1946-47	261,644	16,539	30,353	25,886	4,467
1947-48	263,047	17,407	36,906	31,015	5,891
1948-49	263,116	16,903	39,663	35,739	3,924
1948-49: July-April	218,859	14,319	32,964	28,724	4,240
1949-50: July-April	212,884	12,992	32,391‡	31,136	1,255
1949: Feb.	21,003	1,381	3,188	3,000	188
Mar.	21,910	1,514	3,446	3,031	415
April	22,691	1,333	3,357	2,990	367
1950: Feb.	21,053	1,411	3,454	3,211	243
Mar.	21,431	1,543	3,789	3,408	381
April	23,523	1,277	3,342	3,183	159

* Excludes Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines. † Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc.; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included.

‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

Railway passenger fares and freight charges were increased from 13th August, 1947.

14. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses : Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
	£ thousand				
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1945-46	4,370	1,566	5,936	5,826	110
1946-47	4,360	1,746	6,106	6,228	(—) 122
1947-48	5,310	2,544	7,854	7,895	(—) 41
1948-49	5,098	3,643	8,741	8,580	161
1948-49: July-April	4,272	2,993	7,265	7,039	226
1949-50: July-April	4,050	3,564	7,614†	7,816	(—) 202
1949: Feb.	427	313	740	643	97
Mar.	467	338	805	719	86
April	470	338	808	789	19
1950: Feb.	393	331	724	763	(—) 39
Mar.	428	371	799	815	(—) 16
April	427	386	813	806	7

* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation (£469,159 in year 1948-49).

† Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

Fares on Government trams and buses were increased from 1st July, 1947 and 29th November, 1948.

15. Port of Sydney : Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
Thousand tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)								
Year: 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1945-46	2,661	2,034	1,157	414	1,580	152	5,398	2,600
1947-48	2,431	1,719	1,045	512	1,839	141	5,315	2,372
1948-49	2,683	2,162	1,009	535	1,658	115	5,350	2,812
1948: Mar. Qr.	525	521	221	117	348	35	1,094	673
1949: Mar. Qr.	706	449	216	116	342	26	1,264	591
June Qr.	714	563	271	140	433	30	1,418	733
Sept. Qr.	744	453	216	138	282	32	1,242	623
Dec. Qr.	710	496	209	135	492	32	1,411	663
1950: Mar. Qr.	836	501	233	140	376	26	1,445	667

16. Motor Vehicles on the Register* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omnibuses	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,312
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1948 : June	210,506	2,594	3,545	127,413	344,058	30,076	18,317	4,959	397,410
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1949 : Feb.	224,722	2,787	3,567	135,932	367,008	34,378	20,835	5,891	428,112
Mar.	226,768	2,842	3,566	137,267	370,443	35,019	21,006	6,044	432,512
Apr.	228,456	2,874	3,569	138,313	373,212	35,583	21,209	6,137	436,141
1950 : Feb.	252,558	3,150	3,630	151,729	411,067	40,514	23,943	7,144	482,668
Mar.	256,403	3,176	3,642	153,525	416,746	41,100	24,197	7,297	489,340
Apr.	259,436	3,195	3,657	155,048	421,336	41,594	24,368	7,418	494,716

* Excludes defence vehicles. † Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

17. New Motor Vehicles Registered* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omnibuses‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1945-46	526	...	54	3,234	3,814	681	1,931	6,426
1946-47	7,998	7	116	5,487	13,608	2,850	3,204	19,662
1947-48	16,659	133	329	9,079	26,200	4,451	3,521	34,172
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1948-49 : July-April	20,180	162	293	9,433	30,068	6,290	3,637	39,995
1949-50 : July-April	30,380	102	169	15,387	46,038	7,175	4,159	57,372
1949 : Feb.	1,702	8	24	683	2,417	737	291	3,445
Mar.	2,423	19	17	1,207	3,666	797	310	4,773
April	2,222	9	14	1,006	3,251	681	300	4,232
1950 : Feb.	3,223	4	11	1,608	4,846	693	363	5,902
Mar.	4,417	17	17	2,070	6,521	890	415	7,826
April	3,348	12	12	1,648	5,020	690	292	6,002

* Excludes defence vehicles. † Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts. ‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only. § Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

18. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities and Vans			
	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
	Proportion per cent.				Number	Proportion per cent.			
Year : 1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1946-47	...	53.2	46.8	...	7,998	19.3	80.7	...	5,487
1947-48	...	53.5	45.7	0.8	16,659	18.3	81.7	...	9,079
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1948-49 : July-April	1.6	76.3	20.3	1.8	20,180	45.7	54.2	0.1	9,433
1949-50 : July-April	11.5	77.5	8.3	2.7	30,380	70.0	29.4	0.6	15,387
1950 : January	10.6	82.3	5.8	1.3	2,461	74.2	24.9	0.9	1,402
February	15.7	74.7	7.0	2.6	3,223	72.9	26.5	0.6	1,608
March	13.6	76.7	6.2	3.5	4,417	74.6	24.7	0.7	2,070
April	12.9	76.0	6.0	5.1	3,348	77.3	22.2	0.5	1,648

19. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks *	Last Day of Period (1950 Dates)	1942	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Thousand tons								
1st†	Jan. 28	731	640	519	859	539	513	714
2nd	Feb. 25	933	867	860	796	918	954	951
3rd	Mar. 25	981	893	913	833	869	929	932
4th	Apr. 22	886	755	859	804	964	908	925
5th	May 20	1,003	791	674	773	878	970	1,016p
6th	June 17	965	914	906	990	883	926	
7th	July 15	918	846	798	992	941	225	
8th	Aug. 12	953	914	846	995	984	109	
9th	Sept. 9	1,028	778	911	994	1,061	1,117	
10th	Oct. 7	984	842	975	979	1,024	1,100	
11th	Nov. 4	973	759	1,017	1,092	696	1,108	
12th	Dec. 2	965	869	976	1,130	1,134	1,182	
13th†	Dec. 30	886	308	932	446	830	695	
Year : Underground		12,150	9,653	10,430	10,724	10,466	9,388	
Open Cut ...		56	523	756	959	1,255	1,348	
Total ...		12,206	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	10,736	

Twenty Weeks ended—

	16th May	12th May	11th May	24th May	22nd May	21st May	20th May
Northern District ...	3,085	2,539	2,568	2,711	2,718	2,719	3,009
Southern District*	840	770	660	666	731	757	770
Western District ...	609	637	597	688	719	798	759
Total : Underground	n.a.	3,760	3,592	3,757	3,710	3,763	3,974
Open Cut ...	n.a.	186	233	308	458	511	564
Total ...	4,534	3,946	3,825	4,065	4,168	4,274	4,538p

* Periods in Southern District ended a week later than in other districts from 1942 to 1947.

† Miners' mid-summer holidays : 1942. 1945. 1946. 1947. 1948. 1949. 1950.
 In 1st Period ... Public holidays 1 week 2 weeks ... 1 week 2 weeks {N-1 wk.
 In 13th Period ... only. ... 2 weeks 1 week {S&W-2 wks.
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20. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1939	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	100	125	173	165	170	198	218	221
February	100	125	174	181	201	208	227	241
March	100	130	171	185	199	212	231	238
April	100	125	172	189	198	218	222	226
May	100	128	178	192	198	203	229	
June	100	131	176	197	208	214	189	
July	100	134	184	195	212	199	118	
August	100	135	177	195	212	214	173	
September	100	134	180	201	214	223	228	
October	100	135	174	203	211	216	224	
November	100	136	179	200	214	226	239	
December	100	131	123	180	214	222	231	
Year	100	131	172	191	204	213	209	

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Statistics for 1948-49 are final, but all figures for 1949-50 are subject to revision.

21. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter *	Cheese *	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables
	Thousand lb.						
Year : 1938-39	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1946-47	60,385	4,544	38,302	35,310	51,936	27,408	25,958
1947-48	76,066	5,909	46,475	31,614	58,978	30,556	25,480
1948-49	74,519	5,577	44,868	29,649	32,104	29,676	24,480
1948-49 : July-April	66,538	5,032	40,446	24,614	28,335	29,619	21,193
1949-50 : July-April	74,213	5,787	45,274	23,561	26,689	28,532	33,685
1949 : February	8,243	563	4,914	2,191	1,807	4,803	4,062
March	9,022	633	4,715	2,671	1,888	17,094	2,988
April	6,781	488	3,973	2,330	1,759	733	3,922
1950 : February	8,407	633	5,058	2,110	2,435	7,264	4,408
March	9,302	614	4,719	1,994	2,994	14,248	5,651
April	6,270	443	2,903	2,188	2,315	857	1,970

Period	Flour	Bran (Wheaten)	Pollard (Wheaten)	Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Malt	Biscuits †
	Tons (2,000 lb.)			Cwt.		Bushels	Thous. lb.
Year : 1938-39	547,162	107,779	121,154	82,706	n.a.	640,915	43,611
1946-47	537,389	98,231	124,334	152,515	158,589	608,650	47,512
1947-48	532,460	97,375	119,840	163,130	138,203	656,696	48,068
1948-49	646,199	117,813	151,468	168,448	153,853	633,741	53,299
1948-49 : July-April	548,044	100,882	127,952	124,189	124,931	512,893	44,569
1949-50 : July-April	468,781	80,638	109,525	114,275	120,707	517,963	49,253
1949 : February	51,808	9,496	12,391	10,621	13,533	47,280	4,470
March	54,263	10,098	13,226	16,894	14,200	54,129	4,940
April	41,831	7,454	9,889	19,867	13,081	52,106	5,061
1950 : February	36,249	6,030	8,102	9,525	14,844	44,615	5,750
March	40,637	6,958	9,271	17,850	17,435	57,463	6,377
April	38,928	6,660	8,642	18,229	11,575	54,157	4,853

Period	Margarine		Ice Cream	Confectionery		Beer
	Table	Other		Chocolate	Other	
	Thousand lb.		Thous. gal.	Thousand lb.		Thous. gal.
Year : 1938-39	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988	26,811	33,899
1946-47	9,206	21,570	5,278	28,460	35,169	50,654
1947-48	5,177	27,938	5,852	27,799	34,896	45,626
1948-49	13,559	33,598	6,954	30,612	33,078	54,104
1948-49 : July-April	11,160	27,808	6,176	24,602	27,633	45,459
1949-50 : July-April	9,197	30,355	6,586	25,699	27,408	43,798
1949 : February	947	2,710	799	2,150	2,606	4,391
March	1,642	2,737	671	2,600	2,900	4,977
April	1,210	2,601	492	2,420	2,480	3,567
1950 : February	1,652	3,072	680	2,355	2,958	4,735
March	1,495	3,575	703	3,213	3,476	5,522
April	308	2,756	504	3,024	2,249	4,589

* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.

22. Production of Metals, Coal, and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingot Steel	Gas	Electricity
	Fine oz.	Thousand tons				Mill. cub. ft.	Mill. kWh
Year : 1938-39	88,488	11,196*	1,136†	1,105†	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1946-47	43,607	11,212	1,184†	926†	1,312†	16,744	3,229
1947-48	50,599	11,780	1,366†	1,030†	1,343†	18,093	3,546
1948-49	63,768	11,736	1,130†	897	1,129	18,151	3,717
1948-49 : July-April	50,024	9,833	951	738	946	15,013	3,087
1949-50 : July-April	41,481	9,065	981	814	1,012	14,583	3,005
1949 : February ...	3,745	955	92	71	98	1,328	288
March ...	5,697	1,075	102	79	103	1,531	324
April ...	3,808	929	84	77	91	1,536	299
1950 : February ...	3,454	982r	114	90	113	1,403	310
March ...	7,479	1,095r	94	79	110	1,552	349
April ...	1,374	908	104	85	104	1,535	321

* Year ended 31st December, 1939.

† Year ended 31st May.

‡ Monthly totals are approximate.

23. Production of Miscellaneous Metal Products

Period	Engines (Internal Combustion)		Electric Motors		Motor Bodies		Cycles
	Marine	Other	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.	Trucks, Trailers and Vans	Other	
Number							
Year : 1938-39	977	1,214	26,671*		3,553	2,023	36,416
1946-47	2,803	8,943	82,382*		2,071	774	30,259
1947-48	2,839	11,165	80,465*	25,533*	2,384	988	28,567
1948-49	2,343	16,666	184,290	32,338	3,391	1,145	27,605
1948-49 : July-April	1,979	13,683	162,719	27,362	2,773	953	23,241
1949-50 : July-April	1,807	13,413	148,616	21,525	2,951	888	22,848
1949 : February ...	178	1,364	16,534	2,598	266	91	1,901
March ...	178	1,516	18,615	2,986	308	89	2,084
April ...	195	1,599	11,047	3,098	242	72	2,032
1950 : February ...	163	1,629	18,899	2,590	323	80	2,198
March ...	199	1,899	18,213	2,916	353	101	2,510
April ...	153	1,412	16,064	2,359	282	99	1,869

* Electric motors for sale as such; later totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products.

24. Production of Clothing

Period	Hats (Felt)	Corsets and Corselets	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes, and Sandals*	Slippers
				Dress	Work*		
	Dozen			Dozen pairs		Thousand pairs	
Year : 1938-39	135,262	46,112	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1946-47	142,781	37,287	87,564	16,562	119,560	7,201	3,041
1947-48	140,662	44,285	84,945	13,866	104,793	6,250	3,143
1948-49	147,498	46,521	116,876	9,727	106,474	6,117	2,804
1948-49 : July-April	124,818	39,034	95,253	8,475	91,466	5,237	2,254
1949-50 : July-April	90,656	33,208	127,181	5,497	83,042	4,467	2,262
1949 : February ...	13,201	3,741	10,079	680	8,023	455	234
March ...	15,829	5,271	13,207	916	9,757	535	334
April ...	12,123	3,758	9,338	651	6,846	389	241
1950 : February ...	13,254	3,270	15,190	629r	8,940r	454	209
March ...	14,273	4,537	16,123	634r	10,878r	503	240
April ...	9,825	3,311	13,140	504	7,333	419	217

* Excluding articles of rubber.

Period	Sawn Timber (Native)	Bricks	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement
			Terra Cotta	Cement			
	Mill. sup. ft.	Thousands		Thousand sq. yd.		Tons	
Year : 1938-39	179.4	379,236	20,129	n.a.	5,291	2,671	432,487
1946-47	300.9	249,533	19,523	230	9,657	3,397	393,397
1947-48	332.6	303,221	21,594	2,841	9,018	3,985	441,023
1948-49	353.7	314,323	22,783	5,642	8,695	4,415	465,354
1948-49 : July-Mar.	270.9	237,603	17,442	4,333	6,703	3,237	334,583
1949-50 : July-Mar.	262.6	213,040	16,169	5,837	6,319	2,969	392,330
1949 : February	26.2	25,610	1,913	428	724	361	38,952
March	25.1	28,796	1,956	532	726	416	44,390
April	26.0	24,089	1,744	424	674	383	38,152
1950 : February	24.8	26,671	2,085	857	906	383	46,268
March	24.3	31,793	2,170	840	829	410	55,509
April	25.7	n.y.a.	1,653	n.y.a.	832	n.y.a.	48,497

Period	Paint (Oil)	Lacquers, Enamels, etc.	Stoves, Domestic Cooking				Gas Meters
			Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric		
					Stoves	Stovettes	
	Thousand gal.		Number				
Year : 1938-39	n.a.	863	17,154	17,736	4,930		24,619
1946-47	1,568	1,138	12,033	12,883	31,221		32,675
1947-48	1,762	1,404	11,748	14,627	8,942	27,912	43,552
1948-49	1,823	1,569	12,810	19,906	18,908	24,903	44,249
1948-49 : July-Mar.	1,406	1,194	9,949	15,030	13,495	n.a.	33,653
1949-50 : July-Mar.	1,413	1,310	7,870	14,553	9,035	16,730	28,851
1949 : February	156	137	1,082	1,798	2,214	n.a.	4,167
March	173	150	1,059	1,901	1,886	n.a.	4,271
April	139	116	980	1,754	2,371	n.a.	3,874
1950 : February	179r	167r	905	1,887	1,075	2,551	3,988
March	203	193	1,361	1,932	1,458	2,973	4,516
April	147	155	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,117	3,205

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26. Production of Miscellaneous Products

Period	Refrigerators, Household			Wireless Cabinets	Perambulators
	Electric	Gas	Kerosene		
	Number				
Year : 1938-39	.....	13,102	.....	133,760	42,282
1946-47	21,567	12,598	6,810	196,978	48,859
1947-48	31,772	25,591	9,195	213,226	56,201
1948-49	50,995	21,924	11,313	180,023	45,754
1948-49 : July-April	44,375	20,332	7,413	146,609	37,901
1949-50 : July-April	43,592	9,762	15,028	172,273	35,906
1949 : February	3,854	1,919	588	11,441	4,899
March	4,774	2,022	637	15,589	4,734
April	4,365	902	1,261	12,952	5,080
1950 : February	4,980	777	1,287	18,456	4,208
March	4,711	396	2,545	27,265	5,069
April	3,570	229	1,578	20,550	3,266

Period	Mattresses			Sulphate of Ammonia	Sulphuric Acid
	Spring	Inner Spring	Other		
	Number			Tons	
Year : 1938-39	79,140	17,407	n.a.	20,960	85,501
1946-47	59,782	36,296	129,937	22,377	113,572
1947-48	59,491	52,582	181,078	24,611	111,101
1948-49	55,590	85,574	166,699	28,780	94,542
1948-49 : July-April	45,412	68,982	136,920	23,820	79,809
1949-50 : July-April	54,143	81,695	157,660	25,184	69,467
—1949 : February	4,902	7,018	12,479	2,267	8,878
March	5,488	9,229	16,521	2,655	8,117
April	4,203	7,304	13,512	2,099	7,814
1950 : February	5,612	8,984	17,160	2,692r	6,904
March	7,365	10,472	18,825	3,040	8,779
April	4,517	9,076	15,117	2,806	8,631

Period	Soap			Soap Extracts and Powders	Glycerine (Refined)
	Household	Toilet	Other		
	Cwt.				
Year : 1938-39	321,957	107,390	58,345	60,102	18,964
1946-47	161,822	188,232	79,311	196,457	21,928
1947-48	217,042	224,716	114,345	279,658	20,019
1948-49	234,127	219,348	159,753	340,955	35,189
1948-49 : July-April	201,125	186,269	130,753	268,485	29,425
1949-50 : July-April	173,568	188,825	107,691	330,521	25,694
1949 : February	19,008	18,735	10,750	23,830	2,491
March	15,467	18,499	13,500	30,299	3,020
April	17,474	12,513	13,000	32,394	3,059
1950 : February	20,886	22,359	13,485	32,404	2,426
March	15,835	21,113	12,476	33,578	3,673
April	15,305	18,331	11,163	31,451	2,806

27. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales

(Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1949 : April	91	82	51	85	75	118	72	56	68	79	79	37	74
May	45	98	129	165	101	41	91	120	103	82	68	138	85
June	111	105	56	46	84	110	112	37	65	99	282	317	174
July	63	62	104	62	76	51	65	111	92	85	143	61	97
August	91	68	25	24	56	108	67	23	46	189	202	48	174
September	256	191	104	168	179	272	187	106	148	76	208	157	120
October	277	197	242	283	243	246	176	258	235	235	117	97	187
November	153	129	195	104	155	162	153	192	178	82	114	232	109
December	42	57	55	21	48	41	69	53	56	48	62	51	52
1950 : January	101	193	115	85	130	59	174	110	120	70	126	167	97
February	220	346	337	361	309	218	343	361	339	220	210	284	226
March	70	286	437	371	283	50	286	445	354	85	56	340	110
April	236	252	141	168	202	302	238	121	174	138	145	285	159
May	101	113	118	117	112	117	122	107	112	36	101	209	75

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all Districts.

WOOL

28. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales

Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1941-42	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49
Sheep mill.	48.9	56.7	46.7	44.1	43.1	46.1	50.4
Sheep shorn mill.	51.5	58.5	52.3	45.4	43.1	43.7	48.1
Wool produced* mill. lb.	437.1	547.0	448.7	431.5	432.6	422.3	463.2

* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

29. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales

(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
Thousand bales								
Season : 1946-47	922.8	158.2	42.7	1,123.7	34.5	4.6	0.3	39.4
1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,234.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1947-48 : July-April	798.1	145.0	45.8	988.9	81.5	11.8	4.1	97.4
1948-49 : July-April	911.2	165.6	52.8	1,129.6	271.9	15.2	12.6	299.7
1949-50 : July-April	932.2	207.2	55.8	1,195.2	58.5	10.6	5.2	74.3
1949 : February	26.5	4.8	0.5	31.8	277.5	25.5	20.6	323.6
March	14.9	2.8	0.2	17.9	289.5	28.3	20.8	338.6
April	48.4	9.8	0.4	58.6	271.9	15.2	12.6	299.7
1950 : February	26.9	6.4	0.3	33.6	89.5	46.8	23.5	159.8
March	37.4	10.0	0.5	47.9	32.0	4.9	4.7	41.6
April	33.0	6.1	0.5	39.6	58.5	10.6	5.2	74.3

30. Wool : Sales at Auction, New South Wales

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period	Wool Sold					Amount Realised			
	Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Greasy	Scoured				
Thousand bales *					£ thousand				
Season : 1938-39	1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	n.a.	...	15,521
1946-47	889.8	154.1	42.4	1,014.0	72.3	26,906	4,551	1,453	32,910
1947-48	882.2	148.6	47.0	994.8	83.0	42,881	7,556	2,535	52,972
1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	53,699	10,193	3,439	67,331
1947-48 : July-April	745.0	131.5	42.0	849.6	68.9	36,270	6,731	2,303	45,304
1948-49 : July-April	644.8	143.6	40.4	770.5	58.3	38,859	9,036	2,713	50,608
1949-50 : July-April	938.2	183.6	51.1	1,105.6	67.3	70,413	14,663	4,417	89,493
1949 : February	87.4	34.9	14.8	130.9	6.2	5,911	2,508	1,086	9,505
March	2.7	...	...	0.2	2.5	166	...	...	166
April	65.1	21.9	8.6	91.0	4.6	3,369	1,297	536	5,202
1950 : February	105.0	27.2	9.5	135.8	5.9	9,825	2,518	852	13,195
March	94.5	49.6	19.3	157.8	5.6	7,831	4,635	1,859	14,325
April	6.5	...	...	0.9	5.6	532	...	...	532

* Scoured bales not converted to greasy basis.

31. Prices of Greasy Wool, Sydney and New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction		Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month		
	Sydney	New South Wales *		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
Pence per lb.			Pence per lb.			
1938-39	10.3	†	December	36.5§	53.0	60.5
1939-40†	13.4	†	January	41.5	53.0	74.5
1945-46†	15.1	†	February	43.5	54.5	71.0
1946-47	23.3	23.6	March	40.0§	54.5§	69.5
1947-48	37.2	37.9	April	41.5	44.0	73.5§
1948-49	46.1	46.8	May	44.0	44.5	81.0p

* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre). † Based on United Kingdom purchase prices; does not allow for payments accruing for profits on re-sale of contract wool. ‡ Prior to 1939-45 War, nearly all New South Wales wool was sold in Sydney. § Nominal.

32. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1935-36 to 1944-45*	15,875†	4,194,269	3,832,414	48,480,000	12.7
1945-46	n.a.	4,213,431	3,773,901	62,520,000	16.6
1946-47	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1947-48	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1948-49	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1949-50‡	n.y.a.	4,206,000	4,021,000	83,000,000	20.6

* Annual average. † Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41. ‡ Preliminary estimate by State Statistician, January, 1950.

33. Wheat : Prices and Return to Growers, New South Wales, and Prices in Canada

Period*	Australian Wheat Board		Net Return, f.o.r. country siding, to N.S.W. Growers‡	Canadian No. 1 Northern Wheat; in store, Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver
	Export Price†||	Home Consumption Price‡||		For Commercial Export
				(Can.) Cents per bushel
s. d. per bushel				
Season : 1938-39	2 6.1	2 5.9	2 2.8	62.0
1946-47	14 1	3 11.3	10 3.8	244.0
1947-48	19 4.7	6 0.3	11 10.3	287.9
1948-49	15 8.2	6 8	9 2.0p	226.3
1949 : November	20 0	6 8		234.2
December	19 7	6 8		221.9
1950 : January	19 0	6 8		214.2
February	19 0	6 8		216.2
March	19 0	6 8		222.9
April	19 0	6 8		222.5

* Yearly averages are for years ended July for Australian export and Canadian wheats, and for years ended November for Australian home consumption wheat. † Basic export selling price for non-contract wheat and wheat in excess of International Wheat Agreement quota; much wheat is sold under contract at fixed prices for delivery over lengthy periods. Current maximum and minimum prices under International Agreement are 16s. 1d. and 13s. 5d. per bushel. ‡ To millers, bulk basis, f.o.r. ports. § Allowing for cost of bags and including Governmental assistance to wheat growers. || For Australian wheat the bases are—Export : 1938-39, weighted average shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide ; 1946-47 to 1948-49, average for bulk and bagged wheat f.o.r. ports ; 1949-50, f.a.q. bulk wheat f.o.b. ; Home Consumption : wholesale price in Sydney for f.a.q. wheat.

34. Whole Milk Production, New South Wales

Period.	Year	July-March	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March
	Thousand gallons.					
1934-35 to 1938-39*	331,963	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1939-40 to 1943-44*	300,682	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1946-47	254,094	194,357	25,007	24,516	26,173	28,421
1947-48	295,371	235,765	35,151	37,534	31,080	28,957
1948-49p	289,171	227,030	29,349	30,116	29,054	30,773
1949-50p		247,019	34,998	31,370	29,280	30,794

* Annual average.

35. Butter : Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

Season	Export*	Sydney Wholesale	Net Return to farmer †	Month	Export*	Sydney Wholesale
	s. d. per lb.				s. d. per lb.	
1938-39	1 1.2	1 5	1 1	1949 : April	2 7.3	1 11.1
1945-46	1 7.8	1 5.9	1 8.3	May	2 7.3	1 11.1
1946-47	1 11.2	1 5.9	1 8.3	June	2 7.3	1 11.1
1947-48	2 3.3	1 7.5	1 11.9	1950 : April	2 9.6	1 11.1
1948-49	2 7.3	1 11.1	2 1.9	May	2 9.6	1 11.1
1949-50	2 9.6	1 11.1	2 4.5p	June	2 9.6	1 11.1

* United Kingdom contract price, f.o.b., Australia, except 1938-39, which is Sydney parity of average top price, London, weighted by monthly New South Wales exports. † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years.

36. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales			Australia			Gold Production	
	Merchandise							
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports		
	£A million f.o.b.							
Year :	1938-39	49.9	37.7	(—) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3	14.6
	1946-47	93.0	116.5	23.5	208.3	308.9	100.6	9.9
	1947-48	150.4	134.7	(—) 15.7	338.1	405.0	66.9	9.7
	1948-49	177.2	176.6	(—) 0.6	414.1	541.1	127.0	10.1
	1947-48 : July-Apr.	122.7	106.3	(—) 16.4	275.3	319.4	44.1	8.1
	1948-49 : July-Apr.	146.1	137.8	(—) 8.3	338.9	441.6	102.7	8.2
	1949-50 : July-Apr.	168.5	175.4	6.9	426.1	489.1	63.0	n.y.a.*
1949 :	February	16.8	16.6	(—) 0.2	37.8	51.7	13.9	0.7
	March	17.6	9.8	(—) 7.8	37.5	47.7	10.2	0.7
	April	14.6	9.0	(—) 8.6	33.1	37.6	4.5	0.8
1950 :	February	15.7	21.6	5.9	44.0	61.1	17.1	1.0
	March	23.1	27.3	4.2	53.6	67.0	13.4	1.0
	April	15.7	16.3	0.6	43.9	50.2	6.3	n.y.a.

(—) Denotes excess of Imports.

* July-March, 1949-50, £9.0m.

37. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

Sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1939-40	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
£ million							
October	19.2	21.8	22.4	26.6	30.9	37.5	44.8
November	17.5	20.3	39.1	24.7	32.7	39.4	40.1
December	18.3	22.8		27.8	34.2	35.1	51.4
January	16.3	18.6	17.6	21.7	25.2	32.2	39.4
February	14.6	21.5	21.7	26.3	30.3	39.6	49.2
March	17.0	21.7	22.3	24.2	33.2	35.7	42.3
July-March	154.5	193.0	189.1	234.6	278.4	333.6	380.1
Year ended June	204.3	255.4	264.8	320.3	382.5	452.8	

38. Retail Trade : Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days in Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown	
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid
	Number						Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.	
Year : 1946	301	302	+ 32.2	+ 3.8	+ 28.0	+ 20.0		
1947	302	302	+ 18.7	+ 32.5	+ 21.5	+ 8.6		
1948	302	303	+ 16.3	+ 20.6	+ 20.6	+ 6.0		
1949	303	302	+ 6.8	+ 6.7	+ 13.8	+ 0.4		
1948 : Nov.	25	26	+ 19.8	+ 13.6	+ 20.9	+ 5.7	+ 8.2	+ 19.1
Dec.	24	24	+ 15.5	+ 11.9	+ 22.5	+ 2.8	+ 13.1	+ 20.3
1949 : Jan.	25	23	+ 12.2	+ 11.1	+ 21.4	+ 2.3	+ 16.0	+ 21.7
Feb.	24	24	+ 16.1	+ 7.7	+ 18.7	+ 2.9	+ 14.7	+ 21.0
March	24	27	+ 21.1	+ 7.2	+ 17.8	+ 2.0	+ 16.9	+ 19.3
April	25	22	+ 1.4	+ 6.1	+ 17.7	+ 1.5	+ 12.1	+ 18.1
1949 : Nov.	26	26	+ 13.2	+ 6.3	+ 10.9	— 2.0	+ 9.1	+ 9.8
Dec.	24	25	+ 8.2	+ 3.8	+ 11.3	+ 0.4	+ 10.3	+ 10.5
1950 : Jan.	23	24	+ 7.6	+ 4.1	+ 5.7	— 3.0	+ 9.7	+ 9.4
Feb.	24	24	+ 12.6	+ 0.8	+ 5.6	— 2.3	+ 9.2	+ 7.7
March	27	27	+ 8.0	+ 6.2	+ 6.2	— 3.2	+ 9.1	+ 5.8
April	22	22	— 0.3	+ 8.3	+ 3.5	— 3.1	+ 6.2	+ 5.1

* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 4.

BANKING

Of the 18 trading banks which conduct business in Australia, 14 operate in New South Wales, comprising 9 private trading banks, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W., and 3 overseas banks.

39. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits*	Balances due to other Banks	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted*
£ million							
NINE TRADING BANKS							
1939 : June	318.0	n.a.	28.6	23.9	22.1	...	291.7
1945 : June	582.5	n.a.	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	2.5	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1948 : June	716.8	27.5†	45.6	19.1	59.5	293.0	348.8
1949 : June	817.4	49.8	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1949 : February	813.3	31.7	51.4	32.1	62.0	344.1	363.2
March	826.0	31.0	47.7	28.4	64.9	365.1	360.0
April	830.6	34.0	44.6	19.1	64.4	379.4	372.7
1950 : February	966.7	34.2	52.0	31.8	92.5	409.7	399.8
March	1,006.6	33.6	54.5	35.0	92.5	433.9	404.7
April	1,018.0	40.5	53.7	28.8	94.5	457.0	414.9
COMMONWEALTH BANK (OTHER THAN CENTRAL BANKING)							
1947 : June	59.4	0.3	6.4	2.1	35.7	...	28.9
1948 : June	61.8	0.3	7.0	0.8	33.6	...	37.9
1949 : June	69.9	11.0	5.9	...	34.4	...	57.7
1949 : February	68.0	9.4	8.6	0.4	37.8	...	51.9
March	66.7	9.3	5.0	...	37.5	...	55.1
April	69.5	10.0	5.4	...	38.1	...	56.0
1950 : February	86.3	15.2	8.0	...	41.6	...	86.1
March	88.1	15.3	6.2	...	41.1	...	105.9
April	88.6	15.2	5.7	6.5	35.8	...	111.8
ALL (18) TRADING BANKS							
1947 : June	723.5	3.0	43.1	17.2	127.9	277.2	352.1
1948 : June	800.0	28.6	56.5	21.0	106.4	294.0	424.6
1949 : June	914.8	61.0	49.1	12.2	111.5	382.8	482.9
1949 : February	909.9	41.2	65.2	35.0	114.0	345.5	454.9
March	922.9	40.4	57.8	30.7	117.4	366.5	455.3
April	929.5	44.3	54.1	21.1	118.2	380.7	470.2
1950 : February	1,089.8	49.6	65.1	33.0	147.8	411.6	532.2
March	1,135.8	49.1	66.7	41.0	147.8	437.0	557.8
April	1,148.3	55.9	64.1	38.5	144.9	461.3	575.0

* Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in months of change were £9,000,000 in January and £2,600,000 in July, 1949).

† In nine trading banks, the increase after June, 1947, consists mainly of short-term loans from Central Bank.

40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Nine Trading Banks				Commonwealth Bank*		All (14) Banks	
	Deposits†			Advances†	Deposits	Advances	Deposits†	Advances†
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total					
£ million								
1947 : June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1948 : June	197.5	67.9	265.4	142.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1949 : June	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.5	27.0	358.5	208.6
1949 : Feb.	227.5	73.7	301.2	140.9	39.9	25.0	358.3	195.7
Mar.	230.8	73.0	303.8	138.6	38.4	25.6	360.3	194.2
April	232.8	72.3	305.1	146.2	40.9	25.6	363.4	202.7
1950 : Feb.	296.4	79.4	375.8	150.3	49.2	34.4	448.8	219.3
Mar.	309.2	80.5	389.7	151.6	50.6	34.7	467.9	221.3
April	311.4	81.6	393.0	156.6	50.6	35.8	472.4	228.2

* Other than Central Banking.

† Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in months of change were £5.8 m. in January, and £0.7 m. in July, 1949).

41. Savings Banks in New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales					Australia	
	Active Accounts*	Deposits	Interest Credited	Withdrawals	Depositors' Balances*	Active Accounts*	Depositors' Balances*
	Thousand	£ thousand				Thousand	£ thousand
Year : 1938-39	1,330	66,577	1,610	67,155	87,474	3,858	245,587
1945-46	1,911	191,112	3,801	156,874	236,242	5,467	663,554
1946-47	1,967	158,994	4,054	167,922	231,368	5,593	660,015
1947-48	2,013	160,875	3,991	159,270	236,964	5,728	681,318
1948-49	2,072	171,622	4,062	168,165	244,483	5,890	714,219
1949 : January	2,051	12,767		12,127	238,564	5,810	690,600
February	2,061	14,495		13,059	240,000	5,838	694,562
March	2,049	15,694		15,413	240,282	5,826	696,336
April	2,057	14,717		14,547	240,452	5,847	699,644
1950 : January	2,120	16,217		14,642	250,594	6,016	735,773
February	2,131	16,269		15,108	251,755	6,045	739,234
March	2,112	19,749		18,871	252,633	6,030	741,830
April	2,120	16,183		15,292	253,523	6,053	744,714

* At end of period.

Savings Certificates.—The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949. The net amount outstanding in New South Wales at the end of April was £25,558,000 in 1949, and £22,734,000 in 1950.

42. Inter-Bank Clearings, Sydney

Value of cheques drawn on a bank other than the bank in which they were deposited

Period	Amount of Clearings—£ million					Index Number of Clearings				
	1938-39	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1938-39	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
July	70.5	174.9	183.4	230.3	244.7	101	206	229	291	326
August	72.9	157.3	162.4	199.3	208.5	101	214	227	287	314
September	77.6	159.4	176.9	229.7	271.1	99	217	232	293	303
October	79.5	182.2	197.3	238.2	259.2	101	216	234	291	302
November	82.7	164.1	203.8	237.3	291.6	102	211	243	298	328
December	88.1	165.6	192.2	246.5	304.9	102	208	243	296	350
January	66.5	142.3	171.3	191.4	247.6	98	196	236	282	352
February	75.5	150.2	182.0	213.2	282.2	96	194	231	274	351
March	80.5	170.0	196.4	238.0	358.0	93	193	230	267	367
April	70.7	181.8	205.9	244.7	272.9	98	218	253	300	391
May	82.0	186.4	233.1	261.2	324.2	100	229	269	315	402
June	80.3	176.9	230.1	269.8		101	236	289	336	
Year	926.8	2,011.1	2,334.8	2,799.6		99	214	248	298	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

43. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	Private First Mortgages Registered*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡			Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills‡ (Dis-count)
					Fixed Deposits		Over-draft (Max.)	To £500	£500 to £1,000	
	Urban	Rural	Short-dated : 2 years	Long-dated : 12 years	3 months	24 months				
	Per cent. per annum									
Year : 1938-39	5.5	5.1	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	5.75§	2.00	1.75¶	1.75
1945-46	4.7	4.4	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50||	4.75	2.00	1.00	1.00
1947-48	4.4	4.3	2.34	3.17	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
1948-49	4.4	4.3	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1948 : April	4.4	4.3	2.38	3.16	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
1949 : April	4.4	4.3	1.94	3.15	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
1950 : January	4.4	4.3	1.83	3.11	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
February	4.4	4.3	1.95	3.12	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
March	4.4	4.3	1.95	3.12	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
April	4.4	4.3	1.97	3.14	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75

* Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown. † Average for year or as at last Wednesday in month. ‡ Estimated by Commonwealth Bank from securities maturing under 5 years (short) and 10 or more years (long). 1938-39 subject to Commonwealth Income Tax rates not exceeding those in 1930, later years to current tax rates. § Rate current at end of period. ¶ Applies to certain banks; later rates are maximum permitted by regulation. || 1½ to limit of £1,300 until March, 1942. ¶ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1.50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

44. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	8 Public Utility Companies	5 Pastoral Finance Companies	5 Insurance Companies	Total, 75* Companies	34 Active Shares included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	156.0	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1948 : Mar.	345.3	305.6	179.7	173.7	401.6	260.5	268.4
June	362.7	319.6	177.2	187.6	407.0	267.7	279.4
Sept.	359.6	316.0	173.1	184.5	414.6	264.2	276.1
Dec.	351.7	301.0	172.6	180.6	431.0	259.4	268.2
1949 : May	340.8	283.2	158.8	177.1	469.5	251.4	256.5
July	323.6	271.4	153.5	173.5	456.1	239.7	244.2
Aug.	332.2	286.3	155.9	184.0	464.9	247.8	255.0
Sept.	340.1	289.1	157.8	183.7	473.6	252.1	259.0
Oct.	350.6	289.5	156.9	187.0	482.3	257.3	266.5
Nov.	358.3	294.5	158.4	190.7	493.1	262.4	270.2
Dec.	365.6	295.3	158.1	193.1	497.3	265.9	273.7
1950 : Jan.	373.1	306.7	158.9	195.6	511.9	272.0	280.8
Feb.	378.1	310.8	159.7	200.3	533.0	277.5	282.6
Mar.	389.4	315.2	159.0	202.6	545.4	285.4	285.6
Apr.	397.8	317.6	157.8	210.8	568.9	292.6	294.3
May	399.1	319.1	155.4	219.0	574.7	293.4	297.1

* Including 24 miscellaneous companies.

45. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers		Mortgages*	Crop Liens	Wool Lien†	Livestock Mortgages†
	Number	£ thousand				
Year: 1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064	1,736
1944-45	43,521	23,350	7,611	847	1,542	761
1947-48	79,694	60,202	30,924	460	2,100	2,011
1948-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391	2,768
1948-49: July-May	78,349	56,142	28,733	297	1,878	2,541
1949-50: July-May	94,649	110,822	52,703	424	2,873	2,537
1949: March	8,278	6,242	3,477	31	171	236
April	6,501	5,192	2,529	25	189	245
May	7,495	5,674	3,104	28	253	298
1950: March	9,091	12,896	4,644	28	245	159
April	7,888	11,211	3,558	39	222	175
May	11,958	17,212	9,802	23	449	341

* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

46. Life Assurance, New South Wales

(a) New Policies Issued (exclusive of annuities)*.

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured	Policies	Sum Assured	
	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	£ thousand
Year†: 1939	50,520	18,179	156,787	7,540	25,719
1945	53,927	23,999	109,862	7,513	31,512
1947	98,149	43,268	115,181	10,241	53,509
1948	99,282	47,956	115,336	11,076	59,032
1949‡	92,446	49,662	114,916	11,430	61,092
1948: December	10,948	6,452	5,345	529	6,981
1949: January	3,696	2,020	4,981	500	2,520
February	5,363	2,893	9,439	937	3,830
March	7,285	3,827	10,299	1,016	4,843
1949: December	9,761	6,226	6,166	629	6,855
1950: January	4,432	2,456	4,287	445	2,901
February	5,638	3,015	8,948	918	3,933
March	8,262	4,692	10,731	1,131	5,823

* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. † Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified). ‡ Total of monthly figures, January to December.

(b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales* (exclusive of advances of premiums).

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
	£ thousand			
Year: 1947	2,799	789	1,452	5,040
1948	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
1949	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
1949: January	437	49	125	611
February	644	68	196	908
March	573	74	197	844
1950: January	564	59	271	894
February	798	79	269	1,146
March	1,104	93	303	1,500

* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

47. Commonwealth Government : Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-May		Item	July-May	
	1948-49	1949-50		1948-49	1949-50
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
Taxes—			Social Services*—		
Customs	57,550	71,415	Invalid, Age Pensions	37,166	40,316
Excise	57,590	60,714	Widows' Pensions	4,022	4,099
Sales	35,530	38,353	Child Endowment	22,564	26,513
Income Tax	129,354	124,088	Hospital Benefits	5,234	6,019
Social Services Contribution	83,987	96,353	Unemployment, etc., Benefits	977	2,389
Payroll	17,977	20,524	Other	3,057	3,931
Estate	4,099	5,425			
Entertainments	4,832	4,298			
Other	2,510	3,653			
Total Taxes	393,429	424,823	Total, Social Services*	73,020	83,267
Post Office	30,178	34,799	To States—		
Broadcasting		1,720	Tax Reimbursements	46,346	53,944
Railways	1,192	1,579	Other	21,932	36,093
Territories	648	726	Capital Works	31,815	62,052
Other	25,181	15,596	Post Office†	32,515	39,132
			Broadcasting‡		
			Railways‡	1,658	2,018
			Territories‡	4,553	5,958
			Defence Services	228,779	36,308
	450,628	479,243	War and Repatriation—		
Primary Production†	19,114	13,928	Pensions		20,497
			Other‡	56,566	
			Debt Charges	64,399	
			Other	40,272	
			Primary Production†	13,928	
Total Revenue	469,742	493,171	Total Expenditure	459,732	516,854

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

† Self-balancing items.

‡ Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than War and Repatriation which is included above) in the eleven months ended May, consisted of Advances to States for Housing, £14,215,000 in 1949-50 and £12,059,000 in 1948-49.

48. New South Wales Government : Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-May		Item	July-May	
	1948-49	1949-50 *		1948-49	1949-50
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management ...	15,307	16,166
Towards Interest... ..	2,674	2,674	Less—Recoups from other Activ- ities	1,544	1,655
Reimbursement of Taxes	19,084	22,089	Net Debt Charges	13,763	14,511
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	7,102	8,338	Other than Debt Charges—		
Other Taxes... ..	1,733	1,697	Governmental	32,098	37,355
Land	2,404	2,738	Business Undertakings	40,549	44,051
Services	1,811	2,450			
Other	5,774	6,703a			
Total Governmental	40,582	46,689			
Business Undertakings	45,948	49,031b			
Total Revenue	86,530	95,720	Total Expenditure	86,410	95,917

* Includes Commonwealth grant towards losses caused by general coal strike : (a) £61,000 and (b) £3,200,000.

Loan Expenditure on works and services during the eleven months ended May was gross £21,770,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £20,014,000 in 1949-50, compared with gross £18,625,000 and net £18,092,000 in 1948-49.

49. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities constituting at present about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1000

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups‡	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
§ (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	...	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	100.00	...
Year : 1938-39	793	656	1011	842	956	819	834
1945-46	1165	2130	1474	1956	1234	1477	1459
1947-48	2872	4195	1935	3723	1464	2955	2834
1948-49	3649	4134	2330	4781	1706	3481	3324
1949 : February	4111	3827	2330	5513	1757	3705	3532
March	4111	3794	2330	5347	1757	3699	3525
April	3319	3802	2330	4580	1757	3253	3111
1950 : February	5355	4093	2504	4346	2005	4337	4157
March	5242	4193	2504	4114	2005	4286	4110
April	5544¶	4400p	2504	4167	2005	4474p	4285p

* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, spelter, lead. † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. ‡ Includes also sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides. § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a) including Gold and (b) Excluding Gold. ¶ Nominal.

50. Oversea Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Australia on—	Quotation	1938-39	1946	1950		
		Average	June	March	April	May
London ...	£A to £stg.100	125.25	125.25	125.25	125.25	125.25
New Zealand ...	£A to £N.Z.100	100.33	100.25	124.27	124.27	124.27
South Africa ...	£A. to £S.A.100	124.70	124.88	124.88	124.88	124.88
Montreal ...	Can. \$ to £A.1	3.79	3.54	2.46	2.46	2.46
New York ...	U.S. \$ to £A.1	3.78	3.22	2.24	2.24	2.24
France ...	francs to £A.1	141.75	383.24	782.44	782.44	782.44
Belgium ...	francs to £A.1	111.58	141.02	111.78	111.78	111.78
India ...	rupees to £A.1	10.69	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.64

51. Wholesale Price Index : Basic Materials and Foodstuffs

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal, and one or two minor commodities, the index may be deemed to represent movements of wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1000

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco	Goods Principally Imported*	Goods Principally Home-produced	Total, All Groups
Year : 1938-39	1025	815	970	992	1029	991	1020	1011
1945-46	1302	1518	1766	1490	1348	1782	1257	1412
1947-48	1460	2833	1898	1655	1532	1924	1448	1588
1948-49	1849	3419	1983	1884	1747	2008	1727	1809
1949 : Feb.	1936	3721	1986	1934	1801	2016	1797	1861
Mar.	1965	3721	2002	1945	1798	2000	1809	1855
April	1966	3197	2002	1917	1805	2005	1795	1856
1950 : Feb.	2185	4900r	2409	2250	1993	2369r	2002	2110r
Mar.	2185	4804r	2427	2252r	1991	2355r	2007	2110
April	2189	4984	2440	2267	2009	2364	2027	2127

* Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This Index does not measure changes in import prices generally.

52. Wholesale Price Index Numbers, Certain Countries

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1000

Period	Australia	New Zealand	South Africa	United Kingdom		Canada	United States	France
	Common-wealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Board of Trade	Economist	Dominion Statistician	Bureau of Labour and Statistics	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.
Year : 1938-39	1011	1021	1004	958	925	935	943	1117
1945-46	1412	1567	1585	1673	1610	1321	1325	5340
1947-48	1588	1730	1741	2032	2055	1797	1970	14514
1948-49	1809	1801r	1859r	2179	2184	1987	1990	20319
1948 : June	1667	1818	1829	2170	2172	1913	2042	18430
Dec.	1827	1784	1832	2157	2196	2010	1995	21482
1949 : June	1858	1793r	1907r	2266	2212	1969	1898	19749
Nov.	1988	1799r	1933r	2347	2333	1978	1863	21853
Dec.	2043	1823r	1936r	2355	2344	1975	1859	21820
1950 : Jan.	2076	1820r	1943	2390r	2361	1979	1863r	22485
Feb.	2110	1821	1956	2395	2387	1990	1870	22420
March	2110	1840	1957	2399	2346	n.y.a.	1863	22899

53. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

(a) Group Indexes and "All Items," Sydney

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "All Items"	
					Index Number	Increase from Sept. Qr., 1939
						Per cent.
1939 : September	930	1039	841	939	933	...
1943 : June*	1065	1042	1479	1162	1165	24.9
1945 : June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141	22.3
1947 : June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194	28.0
1948 : June	1235	1046	1748	1267	1305	39.9
September	1279	1047	1811	1279	1337	43.3
December	1326	1047	1831	1279	1359	45.7
1949 : March	1350	1048	1891	1334	1391	49.1
June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425	52.7
September	1395	1049	2054	1385	1452	55.6
December	1421	1049	2161	1389	1486	59.3
1950 : March	1459	1049	2190	1435	1515	62.4

(b) Districts of New South Wales ("All Items")

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns†
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1943 : June*	1165	1126	1185	1140	1107	1162
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1948 : June	1305	1263	1364	1271	1263	1302
September	1337	1296	1396	1309	1298	1334
December	1359	1324	1419	1341	1318	1357
1949 : March	1391	1352	1461	1380	1358	1389
June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
September	1452	1413	1554	1434	1411	1451
December	1486	1449	1593	1467	1448	1485
1950 : March	1515	1473	1614	1495	1475	1513

* War-time peak.

† Weighted average.

54. Basic Wage : Industrial Awards, New South Wales

Quarter commencing in month shown)	Adult Males				Adult Females*			
	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong -Pt. Kembla	Broken Hill	Other Country Districts	Crown Employees (All Districts)	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong -Pt. Kembla	Other Country Districts	Crown Employees (All Districts)	
	s. per week				s. d. per week			
1939 : June	82	85	79	80	44 0	42 6	43 0	
1945 : Aug.	98	103	95	97	53 0	51 6	52 6	
1946 : Nov.	101	105	98	99	54 6	53 0	53 6	
Dec.†	108	112	105	106	58 6	56 6	57 0	
1947 : Aug.	110	114	107	109	59 6	58 0	59 0	
1948 : Feb.	114	119	111	113	61 6	60 0	61 0	
May	116	121	113	115	62 6	61 0	62 0	
Aug.	120	125	117	118	65 0	63 0	63 6	
Nov.	122	127	119	121	66 0	64 6	65 6	
1949 : Feb.	124	129	121	123	67 0	65 6	66 6	
May	127	133	124	126	68 6	67 0	68 0	
Aug.	130	137	127	129	70 0	68 6	69 6	
Nov.	132	141	129	131	71 6	69 6	70 6	
1950 : Feb.	135	145	132	134	73 0	71 6	72 6	
May	138	146	135	137	74 6	73 0	74 0	

* In State awards only. † Special increase (males, 7s.) awarded in Interim Judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

55. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number			
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†	Adult Males	Adult Females
1939 : Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1939	44.0	43.9
1945 : Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362	2660	43.5	43.9
1946 : Dec.	130.9	80.3	2554	2956	43.5	43.9
1947 : June‡	132.7	82.3	2589	3029	43.5	43.9
1947 : Dec.	141.3	84.3	2757	3103	41.1	41.8
1948 : June§	149.1	92.4	2909	3403	40.0	40.0
1948 : Sept.	155.4	95.1	3033	3501	40.0	40.0
1948 : Dec.	159.8	100.0	3117	3681	40.0	40.0
1949 : Mar.	161.6	101.2	3154	3724	40.0	40.0
1949 : June	165.4	103.5	3227	3811	40.0	40.0
1949 : Sept.	169.1	105.8	3299	3896	40.0	40.0
1949 : Dec.	171.9	108.1	3355r	3979	40.0	40.0

* Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000. † Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000. ‡ Forty-hour week under State awards from 1st July, 1947. § Forty-hour week under Commonwealth awards from 1st January, 1948.

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